

Does God Really Exist?

"Does He Or Doesn't He?", Part 1 of 3
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I) A SOLID CASE TO BELIEVE THAT GOD EXISTS

Evidence For God That Requires A Verdict

**Exhibit A) The world's existence points to ___ GOD AS THE CAUSE___.
(referred to as the "cosmological argument")**

"The heavens declare the glory of God; the skies proclaim the work of His hands. Day after day they pour forth speech; night after night the display knowledge. There is no speech or language where their voice is not heard. Their voice goes out into all the earth, their words to the ends of the earth." (Psalm 19:1-4, NIV)

**Exhibit B) The world's order reveals ___ GOD'S INTELLIGENT DESIGN___.
(referred to as the "teleological argument")**

"He set the earth on its foundations; it can never be moved. You covered it with the deep as with a garment; the waters stood above the mountains. But at your rebuke the waters fled... they flowed to the place you assigned for them. You set a boundary they cannot cross." (Psalm 104:5-9, NIV)

"For since the creation of the world God's invisible qualities—his eternal power and divine nature—have been clearly seen, being understood from what has been made, so that men are without excuse." (Romans 1:20, NIV)

**Exhibit C) Human make-up shows us ___ GOD IS A PERSONAL BEING___.
(referred to as the "anthropological argument")**

"Then God said, 'Let us make man in our image, in our likeness, and let them rule... over all the earth.' So God created man in his own image." (Genesis 1:26-27a, NIV)

"Even when Gentiles, who do not have God's written law, instinctively follow what the law says, they show that in their hearts they know right from wrong. They demonstrate that God's law is written within them, for their own consciences either accuse them or tell them they are doing what is right." (Romans 2:14-15, NLT)

**Exhibit D) Our heart tells us ___ THAT GOD IS REALLY THERE___.
(referred to as the "ontological argument")**

"The fool says in his heart, 'There is no God'... The Lord looks down from heaven on the sons of men to see if there are any who understand, any who seek God." (Psalm 14:1-2, NIV)

"For the truth about God is known to them instinctively. God has put this knowledge in their hearts." (Romans 1:19, NLT)

II) REACHING A SURE VERDICT THAT GOD EXISTS

How To Be Sure For Yourself (from Mark 9:21-24)

**1st) Bring God ___ ALL OF YOUR QUESTIONS___.
"Jesus asked the boy's father, 'How long has [your son] been like this?' 'From childhood,' he answered. 'It has often thrown him into fire or water to kill him. But if you can do anything, take pity on us and help us.'"** (Mark 9:21-22, NIV)

**2nd) Be ready for ___ ALL OF GOD'S ANSWERS___.
"'If you can?' said Jesus. 'Everything is possible for him who believes.'"** (Mark 9:23, NIV)

**3rd) Believe God with ___ ALL THAT YOU CAN___.
"Immediately the boy's father exclaimed, 'I do believe; help me overcome my unbelief.'"** (Mark 9:24, NIV)